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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KAMBE, Toshio et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1724

Serial No.: 09/960,727

Examiner: **Betsey Morrison Hoey**

Filed: **September 24, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 4209

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING RESISTIVITY OF ULTRA PURE WATER**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 17, 2004

Sir:

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected as anticipated, but are now amended to overcome the prior art, as was discussed at the personal interview of March 9. The Examiner indicated that the present amendments would put the application into condition for allowance. Support for the present amendment in the specification is as noted on the Interview Summary.

The Applicants' required statement of the substance of the interview is: It was agreed to incorporate a mixed gas supply limitation into claims 1 and 2. A mixed gas is defined in the specification on page 5, and support for a mixed gas supply is given on page 14.

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 29, 2003.

No extension fee is due. However, any fees needed for this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340 and, in the event this paper is not timely filed, then consider this paper as a petition for an appropriate extension of time.